

YOUR DISCIPLES KNOW ABOUT YOU

2 Tim 3:10-12

Want to find out what Paul really like?

Ask Timothy.

2 Timothy 3:10 *Fully known*: used literally of trailing behind a person and walking in his footsteps.

Discipleship.

You totally and completely know certain things about me.

What is a disciple? Learner, pupil, follower of a teacher or idea.

Disciple-maker? Someone who duplicates himself in others.

Essence of discipleship To produce another person who is just like you.

We hope we are like Christ

1 Corinthians 4:16 *Followers*: imitators , mimics

A message prepared in the minds reaches minds

A message prepared in the heart reaches hearts

A message prepared in the life reaches lives

Place high premium on lifestyle

Philippians 3:17 *Follow my example* .

Mark: take aim at (spy), regard, consider, take heed, observe lifestyle of those who live their Christian lives.

Matthew 28:19 ... *teach all nation*: , make disciples

Matthew 28:20 *Teaching*: discoursing with them.

Observe: fulfill, keep in charge, preserve, practice, live, obey, follow

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be ye followers of me*, ...

Imitate me.

I am imitating life of Christ.

2 Timothy 3:10 ...*fully known*: trailed behind me. Walked in my shoes.

Disciples know about you

1. *Doctrine* --Doctrinal stability.: instruction, teachings.

2. *Manner of life*..conduct.

3. *Purpose*: right focus. Proper goals. Priorities. Where headed?

Acts 20:24-25; Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20

Only one life will soon be passed, only what's done for Christ will last.

4. *Faith*. Credence, moral conviction, reliance, constancy, consistency, faithfulness.

5. *Longsuffering*. Longevity, forbearance. Tolerance towards aggravating people.

Acts 14:11-19 In all this, Timothy saw no vindictive spirit or hostility or bitterness displayed in Paul.

6. Charity: total-giving, sacrificial, self-less love for God and others.

Rom 5:5, 8; Rom 12:9-10; 1 Cor 16:24 ; Eph 3:17

7. Patience. steadfast, steadfastness. Patient enduring of trying circumstances.

Wiersbe: *the ability to stick with it when the going gets tough.*

2 Corinthians 11:27-28

8. Persecutions: To trouble or annoy. Harassment for religious beliefs. Acts 9

9. Afflictions to undergo hardship or pain

Physical..emotional

Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra

Kelly: *On his first missionary journey he had been hustled unceremoniously out of Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:50) at Iconium had narrowly escaped by being assaulted and stoned (Acts 14) and at Lystra had been stoned and dragged as dead out of town.*

Delivered me: rescued. Psalm 27:1, 5; Nahum 1:7

2 Timothy 3:12 If you desire to live a life of commitment and devotion to Lord Jesus Christ there will be opposition.

Situations which press you, pursue you.

Hend: *Scars are the price which every believer pays for his loyalty to Christ, they are also his credentials before God.* Matthew 5:11-12; John 15:18-19

Your disciples observe in you.

1. Doctrine 2. Manner of 3. Purpose 4. Faith 5. Long-suffering 6. Charity
7. Patience 8. Persecutions 9. Afflictions

SO WHAT?

1. Know what believe
2. Practice what preach
3. Know where headed.
4. Consistent
5. Take long-look
6. Love with God's love
7. Be steady around trying people
8. Be steady in midst of trying circumstances
9. Be steady in midst of pain

Understand this (v.12): If you are a godly person you will suffer through circumstances and people whose design are to hurt you.